

BY-LAWS OF THE HYDE PARK-KENWOOD COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
as Revised and Adopted on December 14, 1954
and Amended September 27, 1955

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference.

ARTICLE II

AREA OF OPERATION

The area of operation of the Conference shall be bounded by 47th Street on the North, 59th Street on the South, Cottage Grove Avenue on the West, and the Lake on the East.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes of the Conference shall be exclusively civic, educational, and scientific. As described in its Articles of Incorporation, the corporation is organized

Revised

"To assemble, correlate and disseminate information with respect to living standards, social conditions and morale of the residents, the quality and availability of private, community and governmental facilities and services, the physical condition and use of private and public buildings, streets and land in the Hyde Park-Kenwood neighborhood; to plan, study and test measures for the maintenance and improvement of the same; to train teachers and community leaders in the aforementioned matters. These educational and scientific activities shall be carried on through cooperative programs with residents of the neighborhood, regardless of their race, creed or national origin, and in cooperation with other educational, scientific, religious and charitable organizations"

Section 2. The Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference is a corporation not-for-profit and no part of the net earnings of the Conference shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of its activities shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any individual 18 years or over or any family who lives, works, or is identified with social or business interests in the area, who subscribes to the purposes of the Conference and who pays membership dues is qualified to become a member.

Section 2. Each individual member in good standing shall have one vote. Each family membership in good standing shall have two votes. A member in ~~good standing~~ is one whose yearly dues have been paid by at least one month in advance of the annual meeting date.

Section 3. Any organization, institution, corporation or company which endorses and wishes to support the above purposes may become a member on payment of membership dues and on approval of the Board of Directors. Such bodies are entitled to a single vote. Authority for designating its representative shall be left to the establishment involved.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Powers. The Board shall have all the powers of policymaking and governing the Conference except as limited by these By-Laws. The Board shall fill all vacancies in offices or on the Board for the remainder of unexpired terms.

Section 2. Number and Eligibility. The number of elected directors shall be 36, 12 to be elected each year. The Directors shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws. No Director (who has served a full term of three years) may be re-elected to succeed himself, and at least one year must elapse from the end of his term of office to the term when he may next be elected, provided that this restriction on eligibility for re-election shall not apply to the Chairman. The chairman of duly constituted Conference committees shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

Section 3. Term of Office. The term of office of a Director shall be three years and he shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. Meetings. The Board shall meet at such time and place as it shall determine or upon call of the Chairman or any officer acting as the chairman. Not less than three (3) days' notice shall be given to all members by mail to the address appearing on the Conference records. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the membership.

Section 5. Quorum. Nine (9) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers, all of whom shall be members of the Board, are

- (a) A chairman, who shall be chief officer of the Conference, serve as chairman of the annual meeting, chairman of the Board of Directors, and as chairman of the Executive Committee and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

- (b) One or more vice chairmen who shall act in the absence of the chairman or perform such other functions as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.
- (c) A secretary, who shall keep the records of the Conference and issue all formal notices of meetings of the Conference and the Board of Directors.
- (d) A treasurer, who shall have charge of the receipts and disbursements of the Conference.

Section 2. The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their first Board meeting following each annual meeting of the Conference and shall serve for a period of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers.

The Executive Committee shall have all the power and responsibility of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as it shall determine or upon call of the chairman or any officer acting for the chairman.

All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its next meeting and shall remain effective only if not disapproved or rescinded by subsequent action of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee composed of seven (7) persons, at least three of whose members shall be chosen from the general membership outside the Board of Directors, shall be appointed by the Board. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed at the first Board meeting after the annual meeting of the Conference, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors, and shall be as representative as possible of the total area.

Powers and Duties of Nominating Committee.

- (a) It shall nominate candidates to fill the positions of the retiring one-third of the membership of the Board.
- (b) It shall nominate candidates to fill all vacancies on the Board of Directors.
- (c) The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for seeing that its nominees for the Board of Directors are so selected as to

make the Board as representative as possible of the total area. Toward this end it shall canvass the various committees of the Conference and participating area organizations for recommendations.

- (d) The Committee shall file nominations with the Secretary of the Conference not less than 45 days prior to the date of the annual meeting.
- (e) Thirty days prior to the annual meeting, the Committee shall see that a list of nominees for the Board of Directors shall be mailed to each member. Additional nominations may be made by presenting to the chairman of the Nominating Committee a written petition signed by 25 members in good standing at least 20 days prior to the annual meeting. If there are more than 12 nominations for the Board, voting shall be by mail ballot and ballots shall be mailed to members 15 days prior to the annual meeting. All votes to be counted must be in the Conference office by 5 p.m. two days prior to the annual meeting. Announcement of the results of the election will be made at the annual meeting. If only 12 nominations are made for the 12 Board positions, election shall be by voice vote at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Other Committees. All additional committees necessary to the functioning of the organization shall be appointed by the chairman with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Section 1. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be responsible to the Board for the administration of the Hyde Park-Kenwood Community Conference.
- Section 2. The Executive Director shall appoint all staff personnel within the limits of the budget. All appointments to professional positions shall be subject to the approval of the Board or the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. The Executive Director shall make a report to the membership at the annual meeting of the Conference.

ARTICLE IX

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Section 1. BUDGET.

- (a) An annual budget shall be prepared by the Executive Director and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

- (b) The Board of Directors shall also be responsible for raising financial resources sufficient to meet the budget needs.

Section 2. DUES

- (a) The Conference shall establish a schedule of membership dues.
- (b) All individual or family contributors who make contributions in excess of the established rate of dues shall be considered members.

Section 3. The fiscal year shall be from October 1 to September 30.

ARTICLE X

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Conference shall be held at such time and place during the fall months of each year as the Board of Directors shall designate. Thirty (30) days' written notice of the annual meeting shall be given to each member.

ARTICLE XI

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the members may be called by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors upon ten (10) days' written notice to the members of the Conference.

ARTICLE XII

QUORUM

At any regular, annual, or special meeting of the membership, 100 members shall be considered a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board provided fifteen (15) days' written notice of such proposed amendment shall have been given to each member of the Board of Directors.